

Rockport Council on Aging Minutes from meeting, Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Attendees:

Diane Derow
Sue Terry
Shirley Conway
Coleen Magrath
Christine Marek
Lydia Souza
Diane Bertolino

Absent:

Don Sudbay
Joanne Wood
Ann Gilboy
Nancy Kearns

Distribution:

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--Meeting called to order : 5:45 pm

--Minutes of August 16, 2016 meeting accepted - Motion by Christine Marek /seconded by Colleen Magrath. Unanimous by those present.

Director's Report - Diane went over the Director's Report. Colleen inquired about the Outreach events and if we could do them regularly. Diane commented that they were funded by the Senior Care grant. Diane explained the \$635.00 balance – it is part of the grant we received from Senior Care – we had not received the money yet, so it shows on the financial statement as unencumbered. Code Red Issue – Residents/Seniors can be part of the Code Red by simply going to our website and signing up for the Code Red.

New Business: Chair Derow discussed Meeting Issues – lack of attendance – Diane inquired if there were any other dates that are better and should we put a limitation on the number of meetings that a member can miss? It will be proposed that our meetings will continue to be the third Tuesday of each month. It was suggested that subcommittee meetings would be more creative workshops than official meetings and any ideas or proposals would be brought to the next COA Meeting for voter approval. It was noted that meeting minutes are posted on the COA website at this time. It was also suggested that it be done by the Secretary or someone in the Town Hall. Another suggestion was that the Email for Meeting Reminders go out with –“ I will attend or I will not attend the meeting”. It was agreed they reply to just Diane. A suggestion was made that an email go out to the board asking everyone to commit to the board and if they aren't interested in staying on the board, then please let us know. Colleen commented that the Board meetings are the only time that we can discuss attendance issues and or other stuff?

Holiday Scheduling:

Future dates were thrown out - for November – the 15th – was determined to be a good date.

For December - the 13th – was determined to be good for all that were there...but Di will email the whole Board to make sure of a quorum.

Review of Mission Statement Meeting: – The Board reviewed the Mission Statement that was created.

It was suggested to make minor changes resulting in: *To design, promote and implement services and to conduct programs that provide education, meals, “health/nutrition information”, recreation and leisure activities that directly benefit our Seniors. With the goal of keeping our seniors connected to our Seaside community and supporting them to remain functionally independent. The COA serves as Rockport’s focal point for seniors and their families in a safe and friendly environment.* There was consensus of agreement in the meeting. Waiting for next meeting for the formal vote. Thank you to Joanne who contributed a great deal to creating the Mission Statement.

Review of Website Committee Meeting – Nancy put together a list of links to add to the home page. Sue is gathering updates on Board Information, term dates and phone numbers. We all have bullet points that we are working on. It was suggested to make a subcommittee meeting to address content on the webpage.

The “Elder Abuse Awareness Day” pamphlet was distributed to attending members. We believed we couldn’t officially adjourn or vote after Lydia left, so we just left..